AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend paragraph [0031] at page 17 as follows: [0031]

The fuel cell further includes an absorbent 1051 disposed in the oxidant path 312, an absorbent moving part 1053 for moving the absorbent 1051, and a discharging fan 1055 for discharging oxidant 126 in the oxidant path 312 through the discharge port 340. The absorbent moving part 1053 movably supports the absorbent 1051 in the approaching direction and the departing direction to and from the oxidant electrode 108.

In this Embodiment, the absorbent 1051 may be a sheet having a first surface opposing to the oxidant electrode surface when it moves in the direction of approaching to the oxidant electrode 108. The absorbent 1051 can absorb the moisture deposited on the oxidant electrode 108 surface and can be made of a material capable of releasing the absorbed moisture. Such a material includes polyester, rayen RAYON (regenerated cellulose), rayion NYLON (polyamide), fluorine resin, polyethylene, polypropylene, polycarbonate, polyimide, polysulfone, polysulfide, polybenzimidazole and fibers such as cotton. Porous ceramics and porous metal such as porous silica and porous alumina can be used as the above material.